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SUBJ: US ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA

REF: A. STATE 193198

B. STATE 191735

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING BY MEDIA HERE ON INCREASED
US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA, WE HAVE:

(A) STATED THAT IN OUR JUDGMENT HIGH LEVEL OF MILITARY
ACTIVITY EXPERIENCED SINCE JUNE AND EXPECTED DURING
THE NEXT DRY SEASON WILL REQUIRE INCREASED US ASSISTANCE;

(B) REFUSED TO DISCUSS FIGURES. (THE DOLLARS 170 MILLION
FIGURE FOR FY 74 THAT DISTRESSED THE CONGRESSMEN WAS
CITED BY NH'S CORRESPONDENT SCHANBERG. THIS FIGURE
WAS MENTIONED BY AMB SWANK IN HIS SEP 4 1973 PRESS
BRIEFING AS AN APPROXIMATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIONS FY74
REQUEST TO CONGRESS. HOUSE REPORT NO 93-388 ON PAGE 39
LISTS FIGURE OF 167 MILLION DOLLARS AS EXECUTIVE REQUEST
FOR CAMBODIA FOR FY74. THIS IS UNCLASSIFIED REPORT. WE
NOTE THAT EAST ASIA PACIFIC WIRELESS FILE FOR 24 JULY
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QUOTES SECDEF SCHLESINGER AND ADM MOORER TESTIMONY

BEFORE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE WHERE
FIGURE OF 167 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CAMBODIA FOR FY74 WAS
USED. WE ALSO NOTE THAT CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES WERE
QUOTED AS STATING THAT 133 MILLION DOLLARS WERE PROVIDED
IN FY73(REF B). YOU MAY WISH TO POINT THIS OUT IF YOU
RECEIVED FURTHER QUERIES).

(C) REVIEWED FOR SCHANBERG THE APPROPRIATION AND EXECUTIVE
DECISION MAKING PROCESS FOR MAP FUNDS, STRESSING THAT
NO FIGURE CAN BE DISCUSSED UNTIL ITS COMPLETION; AND

(D) REFUSED TO DISCUSS INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS BY THE KHMER,
AND DISMISSED THE IDEA THAT BOMBING FUNDS COULD SIMPLY
BE TRANSFERRED TO MAP UTILIZATION.

2. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP AWAY FROM DETAILS WHILE
CONFIRMING THAT PRESENT SITUATION REQUIRES INCREASED MILITARY
AID.

3. REQUEST YOU PASS REF A TO INFO ADDRESSEES THIS MESSAGE.
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